



## KNOXVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## **GENERAL MEMORANDUM**

TO: Chief Eve Thomas	<b>DATE:</b> April 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2020
FROM: Sgt. Bunch, IAU	DISTRIBUTION: Accreditation
<b>SUBJECT:</b> Quarterly Administrative Revie Concerns (1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020)	ew of Agency Practices Including Citizen

As required by CALEA Standards and KPD General Order 1.41, the Internal Affairs Unit conducted a quarterly review of bias based profiling issues for the first quarter of 2020. After the review of relevant data and reports, there is no indication that any officer in this department is involved in bias based profiling.

During the first quarter of 2020, the Internal Affairs Unit received one racial profiling complaint. After review of the complaint, the Internal Affairs Unit determined it was not racial profiling. Instead, it was found that the officers acted within policy. The Internal Affairs Unit will continue to review and aggressively follow-up on any citizen complaints of this nature.

Clarence Vaughn of the Police Advisory and Review Committee was contacted regarding citizen complaints that involved bias based profiling. He stated that P.A.R.C. received two bias based profiling complaints during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020. The first case was reviewed by Clarence Vaughn, and is currently waiting on additional information so the case is pending. The second case was also reviewed by Clarence Vaughn, and he determined that it did not involve officers from the Knoxville Police Department and directed the complainant to the owners of the night club.

A review of the 2020 Recruit Academy curriculum confirmed that all officers are still receiving extensive training regarding bias based profiling and diversity issues to include legal aspects, as required by departmental policy. The curriculum for the current and any upcoming Recruit Academy will be reviewed to ensure this practice remains in place.

The outcome of this review of bias based profiling indicates that all department personnel have followed policy, as well as guidelines established by CALEA. There are no recommended changes to departmental policy at this time.

Additionally, the following included data was reviewed and there were increases and decreases from the previous quarter.

- Arrests increased between the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2019 and the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020 (from 2259 to 2380), and the number of suspects increased (from 5654 to 7297).
- State Seizures and DAGs —this report showed an increase in the total number of seizures from the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2019 to the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020. In the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2019 there was a total of 20 seizures. In 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020 there was a total of 27 seizures.
- Citations-The number of citations for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020, when compared to the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2019, shows a decrease in the number of citations issued (from 4486 to 4218).
- Warning citations- Beginning in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2019, the Knoxville Police
  Department implemented warning citations. The number of warning citations for
  the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020, when compared to the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2019, shows a
  decrease in the number of warning citations issues (from 2080 to 1954).
- Investigative stops- Beginning in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2019, the Knoxville Police Department began tracking investigative traffic stops. The number of investigative stops for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020, when compared to the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2019, shows an increase in the number of investigative stops (from 79 to 82).
- Field Interviews-When the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020 is compared to the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2019, there was an increase in the number of Field Interviews (from 2628 to 2916).

# 2020 Arrest / Suspect Based on Race / Sex by Quarter

Arrest is based on "Encounter" and Suspect is based on "Report #'s"

Females	1st (	1st Quarter	2nd (	Quarter	3rd (	3rd Quarter	4th Q	Quarter	Tc	Fotal	Per	Percent
	Arrest	Suspect	Arrest	Suspect	Arrest	Suspect	Arrest	Suspect	Arrest	Suspect	Arrest	Suspect
American Indian/Alaskan Native	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	7	0.40%	0.34%
Asian/Pacific Islander	3	တ	0	0	0	0	0	0	က	တ	0.40%	0.43%
Black	142	594	0	0	0	0	0	0	142	594	18.71%	28.54%
Unknown	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	ιΩ	%00.0	0.24%
White	611	1,466	0	0	0	0	0	0	611	1,466	80.50%	70.45%
Bi-Racial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Total	759	2,081	0	0	0	0	0	0	759	2,081	100%	100%

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	Total	1,621	5,216	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,621	5,216	100%	100%

Male and Female	1st C	1st Quarter	2nd (	Quarter	3rd C	3rd Quarter	4th C	4th Quarter	To	Total	Pe	Percent
	Arrest	Suspect	Arrest	Suspect	Arrest	Suspect	Arrest	Suspect	Arrest	Suspect	Arrest	Suspect
American Indian/Alaskan Native	8	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	17	0.34%	0.23%
Asian/Pacific Islander	œ	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	28	0.34%	0.38%
Black	611	2,622	0	0	0	0	0	0	611	2,622	25.67%	35.93%
Unknown	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	0.00%	0.33%
White	1,753	4,606	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,753	4,606	73.66%	63.12%
Bi-Racial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Total	2,380	7,297	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,380	7,297	100%	100%

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Asian/Pacific Islander	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	AN	0	AN	0.00%
Black	NA	1	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	AN	-	AN	0.09%
Unknown	NA	1,152	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	AN	1,152	ΑN	99.83%
White	AA	-	NA	0	NA	0	NA	0	AN	-	A	0.09%
Bi-Racial	A	0	AN	0	NA	0	NA	0	AN	0	ΑN	0.00%
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Data Source: Vision RMS

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State Seizures and DAGs filed Categories

			Total			Quarter			Annual	
Race	Male	Female	Month	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	_
Caucasian	2	0	2	2	2	4	2	2		4
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Hispanic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
American	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	)	0
Mid-Eastern	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	)	0
Total	11	0	11	23	4	27	23	4	27	_

			Total			Quarter			Annual	
Age	-18	18	Month	-18	18	Total	-18	18	Total	
Caucasian	0	2	2	0	4	4	0	4		4
Black	0	6	6	1	22	23	1	22	2	23
Hispanic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Nat. American	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Mid-Eastern	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Total	0	11	11	1	26	27	1	26		27

Criminal	First	Repeat	Total	Quarter	Quarter	Quarter	Annual	Annual	Annual	
History		Offender	Month	First	Repeat	Total	First	Repeat	Total	
Caucasian	2	0	2	4	0	4	4	0		4
Black	0	6	6		22	23	1	22		23
Hispanic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Nat. American	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Mid-Eastern	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
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Numbers varies from number of seizures due to multiple items being seized from same individual.

## Knoxville Police Department Citation Count by Age / Gender



## 1/1/2020 - 3/31/2020

		Female	% Total	
18-25		494	27.71%	
26-35		502	28.15%	
36-45		345	19.35%	
46-55		190	10.66%	
56-65		168	9.42%	
66-75		57	3.20%	
N/C		6	0.34%	
OVER 75		21	1.18%	
	Gender Sub-Total:	1,783	42.27%	
		Male	% Total	
18-25		638	26.23%	
26-35		650	26.73%	
36-45		434	17.85%	
46-55		358	14.72%	
56-65		233	9.58%	
66-75		82	3.37%	
N/C		2	0.08%	
OVER 75		35	1.44%	
	Gender Sub-Total:	2,432	57.66%	
		Unknown	% Total	
18-25		1	33.33%	
36-45		1	33.33%	
66-75		1	33.33%	
	Gender Sub-Total:	3	0.07%	
	Grand Total:	4,218	7077 - 7 -	THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF THE

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## Citation Count by Race / Gender

## 1/1/2020 - 3/31/2020

	Female	% Total	
American Indian/Alaskan Native	6	0.34%	
Asian	17	0.95%	
Black	387	21.70%	
Hispanic	68	3.81%	
Other	4	0.22%	
Unknown	9	0.50%	
White	1,292	72.46%	
Gender Sub-Total:	1,783	42.27%	
	Male	% Total	
American Indian/Alaskan Native	4	0.16%	
Asian	33	1.36%	
Black	467	19.20%	
Hispanic	154	6.33%	
Other	2	0.08%	
Unknown	12	0.49%	
White	1,760	72.37%	
Gender Sub-Total:	2,432	57.66%	
	Unknown	% Total	
Unknown	2	66.67%	
White	1	33.33%	
Gender Sub-Total:	3	0.07%	
Grand Total:	4,218	1 1 1 1 1 1 1	



-Count Based On Encounter
-City Court Citations and Parking Not Included

Criteria: Citations that begin with "W"

## Knoxville Police Department Warning Citation Count by Race / Age / Gender

Date: 01/01/2020 to 03/31/2020



RACE	FEMALE	FEMALE %	MALE	MALE %	UNK	NNK %	TOTAL	TOTAL %	
American Indian/Alaskan Native	m	0.36%	m	0.27%	0	0.00%	9	0.31%	
Asian	10	1.19%	4	1.25%	0	0.00%	24	1.23%	
Black	188	22.43%	253	22.67%	0	0.00%	144	22.57%	
Hispanic	15	1.79%	31	2.78%	0	0.00%	46	2.35%	
Other	8	0.24%	œ	0.72%	0	0.00%	10	0.51%	
White	620	73.99%	807	72.31%	0	0.00%	1,427	73.03%	
TOTAL	838		1,116		0		1,954		

AGE GROUP	FEMALE	FEMALE %	MALE	MALE %	UNK	NNK %	TOTAL	TOTAL %
	9	0.60%	15	1.34%	0	0.00%	20	1.02%
18 - 25	227	27.09%	275	24.64%	0	0.00%	502	25.69%
26 - 35	207	24.70%	249	22.31%	0	0.00%	456	23.34%
36 - 45	142	16.95%	200	17.92%	0	0.00%	342	17.50%
46 - 55	123	14.68%	166	14.87%	0	0.00%	289	14.79%
56 - 65	72	8.59%	117	10.48%	0	0.00%	189	%19.6
66 - 75	46	5.49%	83	5.65%	0	0.00%	109	5.58%
OVER 75	16	1.91%	31	2.78%	0	0.00%	47	2.41%
TOTAL	838		1,116		0		1,954	

Citation Count by Demographics - Warnings



## Investigative Stop Count By Race and Gender Knoxville Police Department

Demographic data is extracted from "Suspect" field in Incident Reports where "Investigative Stop" is noted in the "Description" field

Dates: 1/1/20 to 3/31/20

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White	9	ю	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	85.7%	%0.09	%0.09	%0.0	0.0%	%0.0	0.0%	%0.0	%0.0	0.0%	%0.0	0.0%	70.6%
Total Female	7	ro	ro.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	18.4%	20.8%	25.0%	0.0%	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.7 %
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Asian	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	3.3%	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	0.0%	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	1.6%
White	16	13	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	53.3%	81.3%	53.3%	0.0%	0.0%	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	%2.09
Total Male	30	16	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	78.9%	%2.99	75.0%	0.0%	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	0.0%	0.0%	%0.0	0.0%	0.0%	74.4 %
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## Knoxville Police Department Field Interview Count By Race and Gender

Demographic data is extracted from all subjects entered in FI. This may include officer information.

Dates: 1/1/20 to 3/31/20

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Asian	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 0.	0.0% 0.0	0.5% 0.	0.0% 0.0	0.0% 0.0	0.0% 0	0.0%	%0.0	0.0%	0.0%	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	0.1%
Unknown	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 0.	0.4% 0.	0.5% 0.	0.0% 0.	0.0% 0.0	0.0% 0	0.0%	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	0.0%	0.3%
White	170	154	159	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 483		64.4% 72.	72.0% 76.	76.4% 0.	0.0% 0.	0.0% 0	0.0%	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	0.0%	0.0%	70.4%
Total Female	264	214	208	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 686		27.1% 21.	21.5% 22	22.0% 0	0.0% 0	0.0% 0	0.0%	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	0.0%	23.5 %
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Black	300	400	294	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 994		42.3% 51.	51.5% 39.	39.8% 0.	0.0% 0.0	0.0% 0	0.0%	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	0.0%	%0.0	0.0%	44.7%
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Unknown	0	2	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3 0.	0.0% 0.	0.3% 0.	0.1% 0.	0.0% 0.	0 %0.0	0.0%	%0.0	%0.0	0.0%	0.0%	%0.0	%0.0	0.1%
White	403	370	440	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 1,213	1	56.8% 47.	47.7% 59.	59.6% 0.	0.0% 0.	0.0% 0	0.0%	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	0.0%	54.6%
Total Male	400	776	738	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 2,223		72.7% 78.	78.1% 77	77.9% 0	0.0% 0	0.0%	0.0%	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	0.0% 7	76.2 %
UNK																										
Unknown	2	4	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7 100.	100.0% 100.0% 100.0%	0% 100		0.0% 0.	0.0% 0	0.0%	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	%0.0	0.0% 10	100.0%
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## Racial Profiling Report 1st Quarter

(January 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020)

There were two alleged racial profiling cases reviewed by PARC during the 1st Quarter.

## Case #1 Summary:

The Police Advisory and Review Committee received a complaint involving an alleged dismal of an assault and battery incident. The complainant shared that he provided information to a member of the Knoxville Police Department regarding being allegedly assaulted by an individual while waiting near a transit line. The member of the Knoxville Police Department allegedly refused to investigate the incident. The allegation involved the complainant's thoughts of being discriminated against due to his disability, in which the premise of the complaint was directed towards discrimination related to the Americans with Disabilities Act. In addition, the complainant shared that his concern was provided via email to the Knoxville Police Department in which he shared that a response was not received.

## Conclusion:

Due to a request made for more detailed information of the allegations made against the Knoxville Police Department, the complaint has been placed on a *PENDING* status awaiting further review.

## Case #2 Summary:

The Police Advisory and Review Committee involving an alleged altercation that took place at a local night club in Knoxville, Tennessee. The complainant shared that security personnel, "grabbed me by my arm yanking me aggressively to tell me stop blowing a whistle". The complainant continued by sharing that the security personnel, "then quickly switched to choking me out". There were law enforcement officers present, in which the complainant informed the officers. The officers informed the complainant that they would not be able to provide any assistance. The allegation was directed towards being racially profiled by security personnel for the night club establishment.

## **Conclusion:**

The complaint received involving an alleged incident that took place at a local nightclub in Knoxville, TN was reviewed based on the statement provided by the complainant. The complainant was informed that the matter falls outside of the Police Advisory and Review Committee and Knoxville Police Department jurisdictions. The matter would have to be addressed by management or the owner of the nightclub. The complainant was informed that the matter could also be addressed with an internal review or a request made to press charges against the alleged suspect for assault and battery.

## **KPD Policy and Procedure Reviewed:**

## General Order 1.41 Bias Based Policing

## I. Policy

It is the policy of the Knoxville Police Department that we are committed to preserving the peace and maintaining order in the City of Knoxville by practicing bias-free policing and respecting the rights and dignity of all citizens.

## II. Definition

Bias Based Profiling - The practice of stopping, detaining or searching a person based solely upon a common trait or a group that includes but is not limited to their race, color ethnicity, age, gender sexual orientation, religion, economic status or any other identifiable group characteristic.